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FM USMISSION USUN NEWYORK
TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
SECSTATE WASHDC 1630

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SUBJ: VISAS: TRAVEL OF MALIAN MFA OFFICIAL KOUYATE

1. SUBJECT MALIAN MFA OFFICIAL ARRIVED IN NEW YORK
DECEMBER 2, AND PAID CALL ON MISOFF WHO KNEW HIM
VAGUELY FROM ASSIGNMENT TO BAMAKO. KOUYATE ALLEGED
THAT HE HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO BERKELEY FOR GRADUATE STUDIES,
HAVING RECEIVED LEAVE WITHOUT PAY STATUS FROM THE MALIAN
MFA. KOUYATE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP
AID FROM BERKELEY. HE LEFT DECEMBER 3 FOR CALIFORNIA.

2. DECEMBER 6, BERKELEY ADMISSIONS OFFICE CALLED MISOFF
TO INFORM HIM THAT KOUYATE WAS AT BERKELEY, THAT THEY
HAD NO RECORD OF A PREVIOUS KOUYATE APPLICATION, THAT HE
WAS NOT QUALIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION, AND THAT KOUYATE
HAD NO MORE FINANCIAL MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL. SINCE THAT
TIME, HE HAS BEEN ASSISTED BY TRAVELERS AID IN SAN FRANCISCO,
AND THEY NOW ARE SEEKING FUNDING FROM MALIAN MISSION TO
UN, WHICH WOULD ENABLE KOUYATE TO RETURN TO NEW YORK.
PRIOR TO FLYING ON TO BAMAKO (HE HAS A RETURN TICKET NEW
YORK-BAMAKO).

3. KOUYATE HAS A B-1 VISA. UPON HIS ENTRY TO THE US,
INS LIMITED HIS STAY TO DECEMBER 15. WE ARE CURIOUS AS
TO WHETHER KOUYATE SOUGHT ANY ADVICE FROM EMBASSY
BAMAKO OR EMBASSY ABIDJAN, WHERE WE RECALL HIS VISA
WAS ISSUED, CONCERNING GETTING ALONG IN THE
STATES ON LINES HE OBVIOUSLY HAD HOPED FOR.

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